GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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RAIDS AGAINST PDS SHOPS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge quantity of foodgrains diverted from Public Distribution System (PDS) were recovered during raids on PDS shops in Dakshinpuri and Alipur areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the enquiry instituted into this incident has been received by the Union Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government is contemplating any action against the States that failed to discharge their duties in proper implementation of PDS; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b),(c),(d),(e) & (f): A raid was conducted by Food and Supplies Department of Government of Delhi on 18.02.2008 at two godowns situated at Shop No.3 & 4, F-Block Market, Dakshin Puri, Delhi an Approx. 2200 bags of SFAs meant for PDS were found lying in them. A number of gunny bags lying in these godowns were marked with the number of 12 FPSs also. Consequently case FIR No.72/08 dated 19.02.2008 was lodged with Police Station Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi. 11 of these FPSs have been suspended by the Licensing Authority i.e. the Asstt. Commissioner of the concerned district and one FPS licence has already been cancelled. 14 persons have been arrested in the case i.e. the godown owner, Contractor DSCSC, 2 drivers and 10 FPS holders.

A raid was conducted by Food and Supplies Department of Government of Delhi on 16.03.2008 at a godowns situated at Village Boodpur, Alipur, Delhi and a truck bearing No. HR-55-A-5450 and approx. 11600 bags of Rice were found lying in the godown. Consequently case FIR No.58/08 dated 16.03.2008 was lodged with Police Station Alipur Delhi. It was also revealed that PDS rice of 11 FPSs of Distt. North-West, Delhi was diverted to said godown and licenses of all of these FPSs have been suspended by the Licensing Authority i.e. the Asstt. Commissioner (North-West). 13 persons were arrested i.e. the owner of the godown, the godown-keeper, the driver of the truck and 10 FPS holders.